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Letter dated 18 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, the President of Ukraine, and H.E. Mr. Olexander Moroz, the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, addressed to you on the occasion of the adoption of the new Constitution of Ukraine (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 41 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Anatoli M. ZLENKO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 17 July 1996 from the President of Ukraine and the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine addressed to the Secretary-General

We are deeply grateful to you for your warm congratulations on the occasion of the adoption on 28 June 1996 of the new Constitution of our State - one of the founders of the United Nations. Your letter has become yet another proof and confirmation of permanent attention and support on the part of the United Nations of the efforts of the Ukrainian leadership and of all Ukrainian people in the building-up of a really democratic State based on law.

The adoption of the Constitution has crowned a hard and long work of the legislative and executive powers. This historical act has become possible owing to the realization by all participants of the constitutional process of their responsibility for the destiny and the future of the State, the necessity of establishing in Ukraine the universally recognized world standards of development.

Successful completion of the constitutional process has proved that Ukraine's choice of freedom and democracy is irreversible.

The adoption of the Constitution in one of the largest countries on the European continent has finally consolidated the values, common to all mankind, the rule of law and the principles of market transformations in the economy.

Availing ourselves of this opportunity, we would like to reiterate our assurances that Ukraine will continue to provide comprehensive support to the United Nations in its efforts directed at the development of democracy, the strengthening of peace and stability in the world.

(Signed) Leonid KUCHMA
President of Ukraine

(Signed) Olexander MOROZ
Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine